IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A noise removal apparatus for removing noise from frames of digital audio data, the apparatus comprising:

an error detector configured to <u>determine whether or not a descriptor included in a coded audio data composed of the digital audio data is consistent with a descriptor to be used for specifications of a specific broadcasting service, to</u> detect whether or not there occurs an error in the coded audio data <s>a coded audio data composed of the digital audio data</s> <u>when the descriptor in the coded audio data is consistent with that for the specifications, and not to detect so when it is inconsistent</u>; and

a decoder configured to decode the coded audio data, the decoding including application of a window function to the coded audio data and mutual addition of results coming from the application of the window function to different coded audio data, the coded audio data to be decoded being error-free coded audio data inputted immediately before the occurrence of the error when the error detector detects that there occurs the error in the coded data.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The noise removal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the error detector is configured to determine whether or not there occurs an error in the coded audio data with the use of a data length descriptor included in the coded audio data.

Claim 4 (Original): The noise removal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the decoder is configured to decode the coded audio data providing a decoded result of zero when the error detector detects that there occurs the error in the coded data.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A noise removal method for removing noise from frames of digital audio data, the method comprising the steps of:

determining whether or not a descriptor included in a coded audio data composed of the digital audio data is consistent with a descriptor to be used for specifications of a specific broadcasting service, to detect ~~detecting~~ whether or not there occurs an error in the [[a]] coded audio data when the descriptor in the coded audio data is consistent with that for the specifications, and not to detect so when it is inconsistent ~~composed of the digital audio data~~; and

decoding the coded audio data, the decoding including application of a window function to the coded audio data and mutual addition of results coming from the application of the window function to different coded audio data, the coded audio data to be decoded being error-free coded audio data inputted immediately before the occurrence of the error when the error detector detects that there occurs the error in the coded data.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Original): The noise removal method according to claim 5, wherein the detecting step determines whether or not there occurs an error in the coded audio data with the use of a data length descriptor included in the coded audio data.

Claim 8 (Original): The noise removal method according to claim 5, wherein the decoding step decodes the coded audio data providing a decoded result of zero when it is detected that there occurs the error in the coded data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A program enabling a computer to function for removing noise from frames of digital audio data, the computer providing the functions of:

determining whether or not a descriptor included in a coded audio data composed of the digital audio data is consistent with a descriptor to be used for specifications of a specific broadcasting service, to detect detecting whether or not there occurs an error in the [[a]] coded audio data when the descriptor in the coded audio data is consistent with that for the specifications, and not to detect so when it is inconsistent composed of the digital audio data; and

decoding the coded audio data, the decoding including application of a window function to the coded audio data and mutual addition of results coming from the application of the window function to different coded audio data, the coded audio data to be decoded being error-free coded audio data inputted immediately before the occurrence of the error when the error detector detects that there occurs the error in the coded data.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Original): The program according to claim 9, wherein the detecting function determines whether or not there occurs an error in the coded audio data with the use of a data length descriptor included in the coded audio data.

Claim 12 (Original): The program according to claim 9, wherein the decoding function decodes the coded audio data providing a decoded result of zero when it is detected that there occurs the error in the coded data.